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Interim

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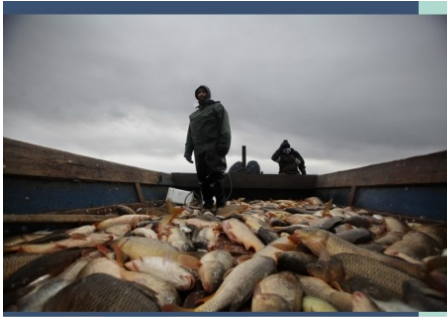
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Problems of Utah Lake

- Algal Blooms
- Phragmites
- Carp
- Phosphoros Sinks
- Salt Pollution
- Silt Build-up



Utah Lake now under shore-to-shore warning for toxic algal blooms

Lake-wide warning issued Monday by health officials
By Amy Joi O'Donoghue | @Amyjoi36 | Sep 9, 2019, 6:14pm MDT

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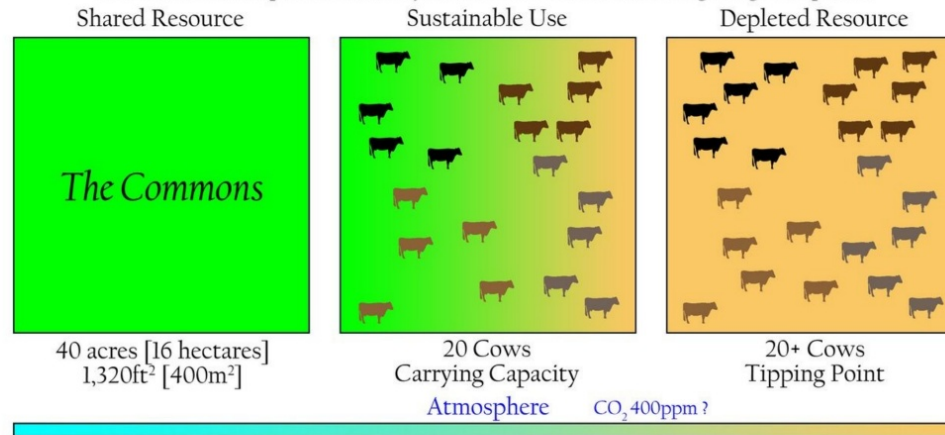
Most Read



'Murder Among the Mormons': Jared Hess explains his turn to true crime for Netflix series

The Tragedy of the Commons

Imagine an open pasture shared by multiple cattle owners. Each owner increases their herd to maximize their benefit. With an unregulated resource this is "logical" since the benefit is enjoyed by the individual and the impacts are shared by all. This leads to the ultimate overgrazing of the pasture.



The Tragedy of the Commons applies to numerous environmental, economic and social phenomena and has particular relevance to greenhouse gas regulation related to global warming.

Hardin, G. (1968-12-13) "The Tragedy of the Commons" Science 162 (3859): 1243-1248
The "commons" dimension and formulae are for illustrative purposes only.

Stephens Planning & Design LLC
May 18, 2015

A Twist on the Tragedy: Utah Lake is a shared resource for Utah's public water systems. But the lake is a depleted resource impacting the local residents while still being a resource.

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Utah Lake Commission

Interlocal Entity Authorized by Legislature
No taxing or fee-assessing authority
Limited powers
Defensive board membership

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Purposes of the ULA:

- 1. Preserve the water rights**
- 2. Remediation of the lake**
- 3. Increase recreation opportunities**
- 4. Increase economic opportunities**

How?

- 1. Focused board with local interests**
- 2. Statutory protections for water rights**
- 3. Coordination ability with surrounding entities**
- 4. Anticipated taxing authority**

**Water Task
Force**

Water Task Force on ULA

60 Plus Interested Volunteers

10 Subcommittees

Well Attended

All Subcommittees Have Met

Specific Recommendations

Drafting Recommendations

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**Is this about the Utah
Lake Restoration Project?
No.**



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Interim Work

Met with and received feedback from numerous groups that are proponents, opponents, etc. (over 100 participants, probably 100-200 hours of meetings).

Received detailed recommendations and concerns from groups related to the following topics:

- Governance Structure
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Public Trust Lands
 - Responsible Growth
 - Aquatic Habitat/Wildlife
 - Funding Committee
 - Water Quality
 - Water rights
 - Native American Concerns
- more...

**Larger
changes**

Significant Changes Based on Recommendations

- Duty to consider Native American history and sites
- No disposition of land through ULA
- Increased transparency
- Baseline monitoring
- Management, not Ownership
- Added a DEQ member to board
- Additional emphasis on technical committees
- Increase authority to provide matching dollars for federal resources
- Keep restrictions on water rights, DEQ primacy, and water engineer authority

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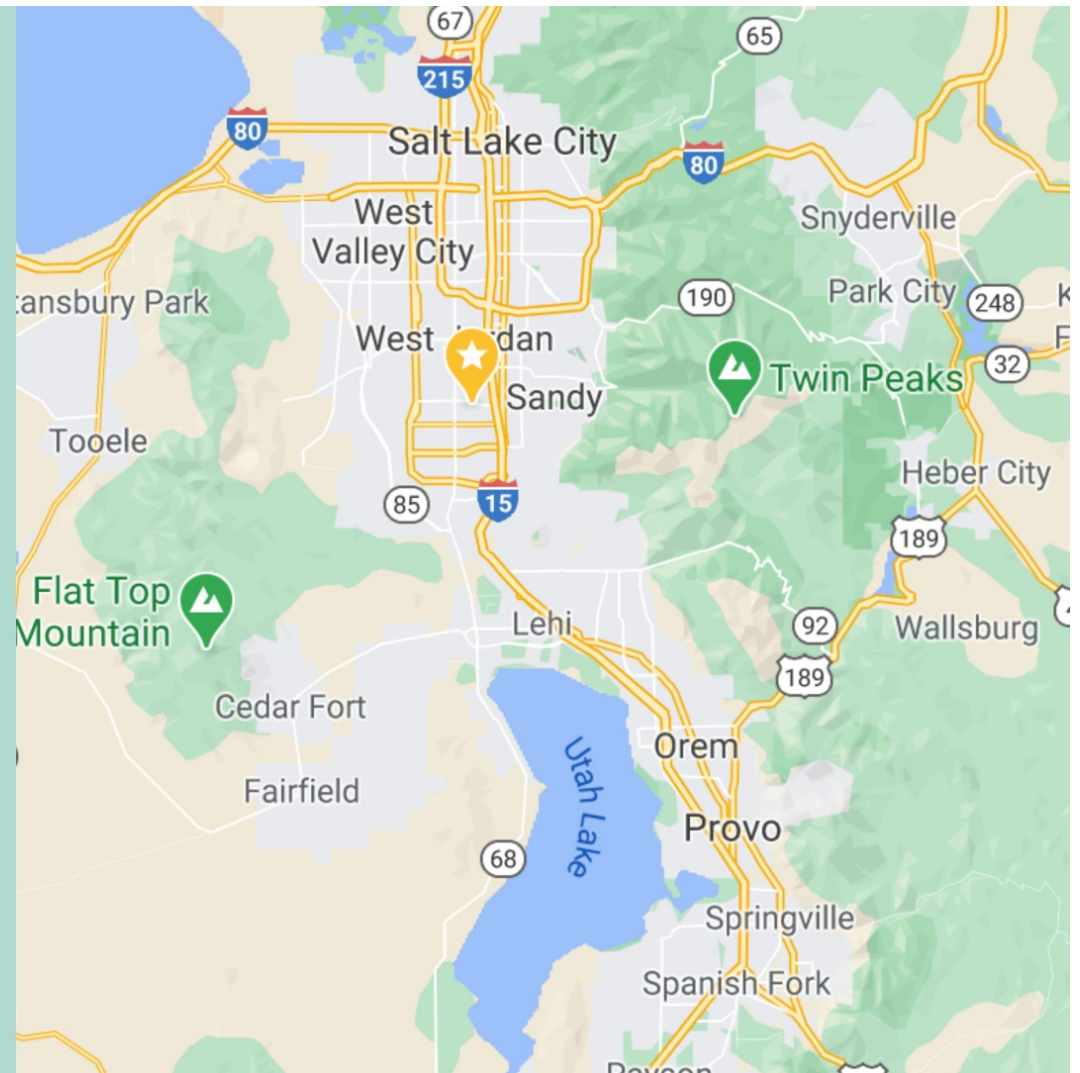
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Big Picture:

- Wasatch infrastructure backbone
- Population Growth
- In-fill of development around the lake



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